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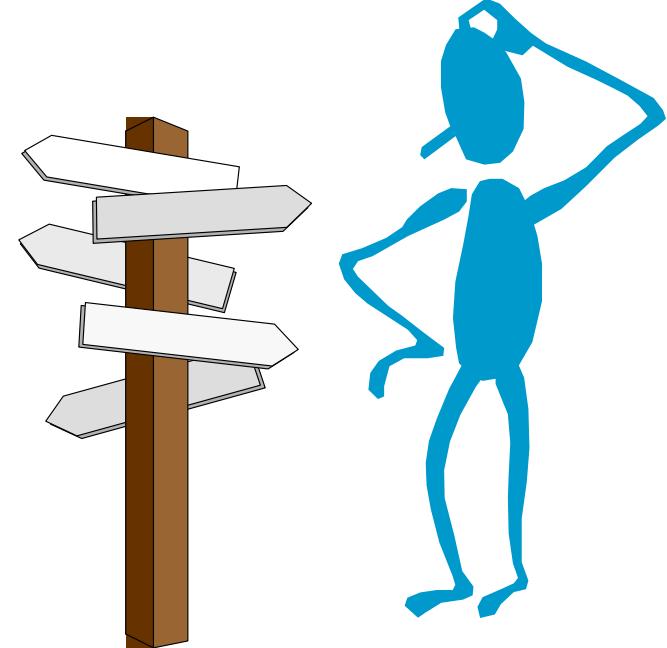
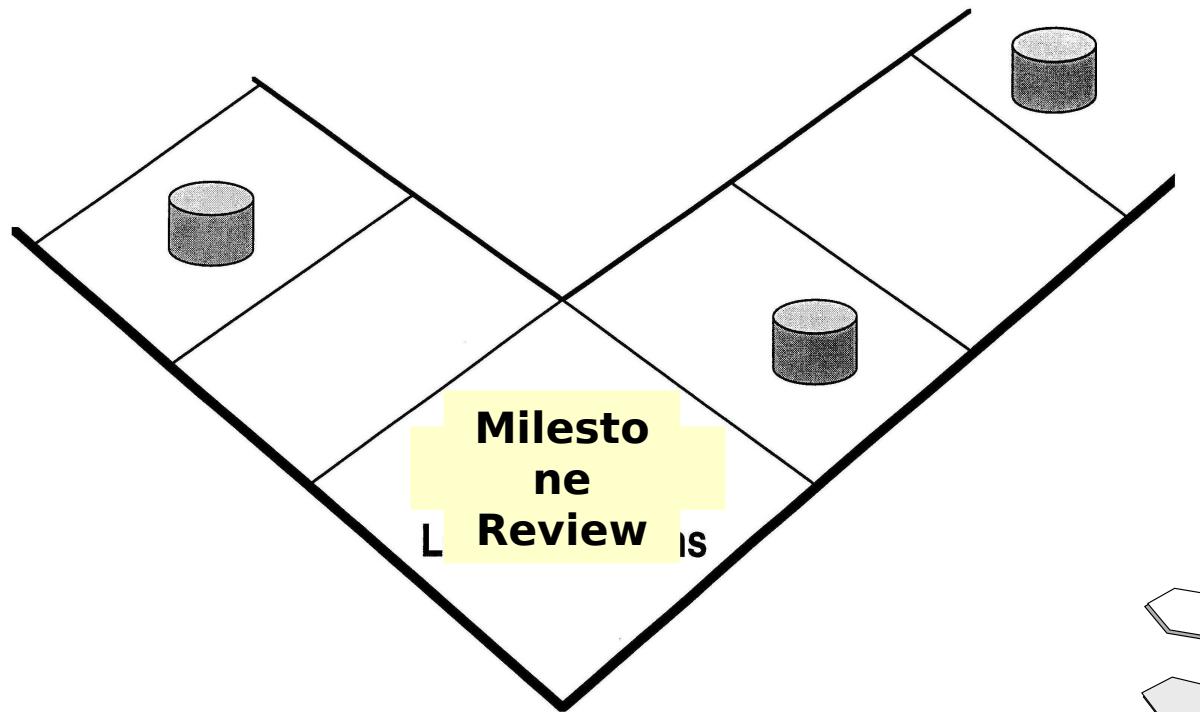
## Tailoring the SLC

Your Financial Partner @ Work

DFAS-DTC  
2002 & 2003

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# Must it be this way? No!



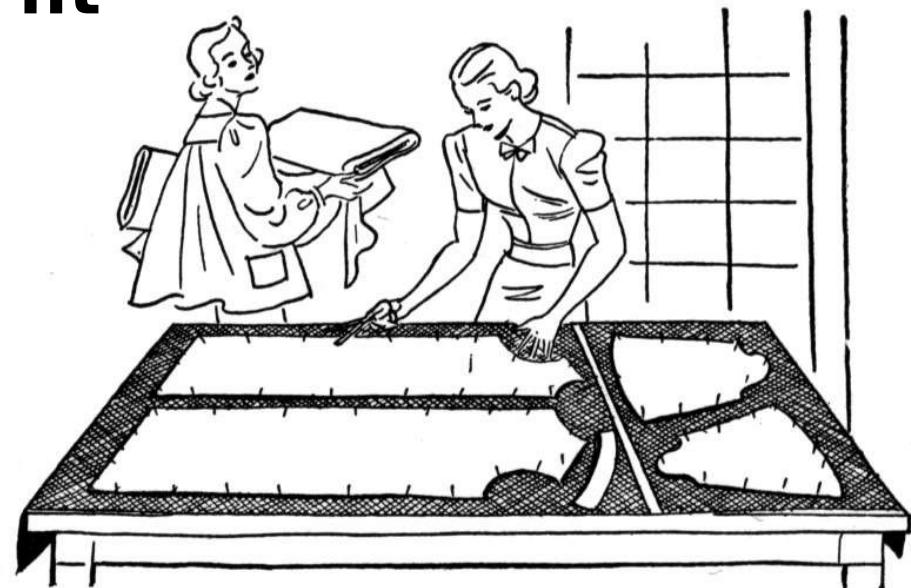
# Tailoring



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# Tailoring from a Pattern

- **Having a Pattern to follow, one can:**
  - **adjust the size,**
  - **fit the nature of a different fabric,**
  - **add trim and appearance features,**
  - **alter sections to fit different needs,**
  - **reuse styles and techniques**
- **and still be following the Pattern!!**



# Short Cuts



**“If we do not  
bother  
taking soil  
samples, we  
can save  
5,000 Lira  
and two  
weeks.”**

# Levels of Tailoring

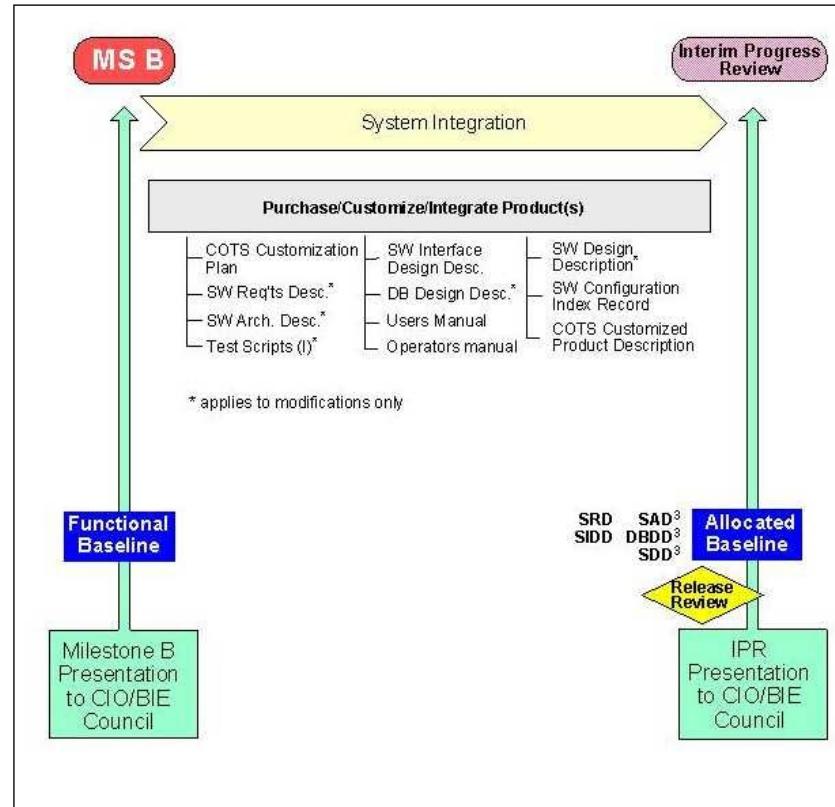
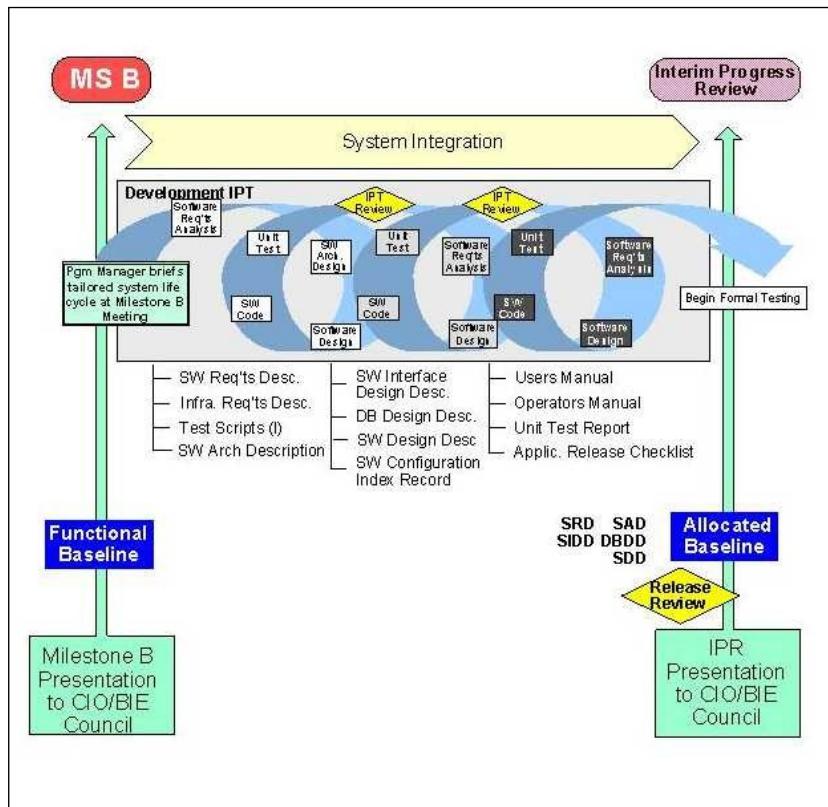
- **Tailoring:** a change to, or elimination of, some aspect of the DFAS SLC that involves an educated assessment of trade-offs and risks.
  - e.g., the addition or removal of a task is tailoring the life cycle.
- **Project Implementation:** a project's decision on the way in which an SLC feature will be implemented.
  - e.g., choosing to use a different format for an information product that is equivalent in content.

# Alternative Choices - Implementation Decisions

Develop

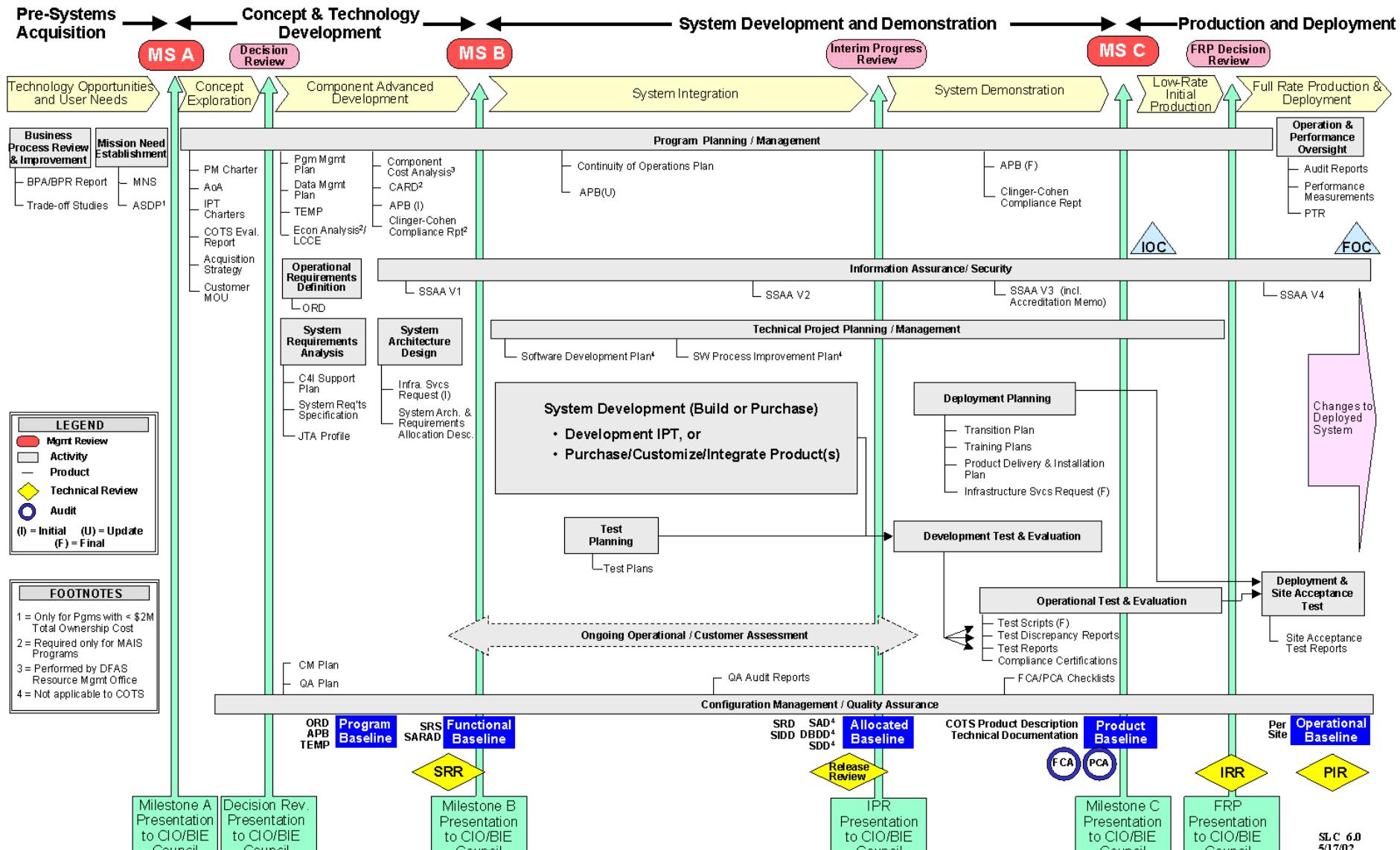
OR

Purchase /  
Customize /  
Integrate



# Tailoring Opportunities

## DFAS System Life Cycle - System Acquisition



# Performance Contracts

- Customer MOUs
- PM Charter
- Requirements Specs



**Between  
the  
Program  
and TSO**



**Between  
DFAS  
and the  
Customer**



**Between  
Business Line  
Executives  
and the  
CIO/BIE Council**



**Between  
MDA  
and the  
PM**

# As the Program Manager / System Manager

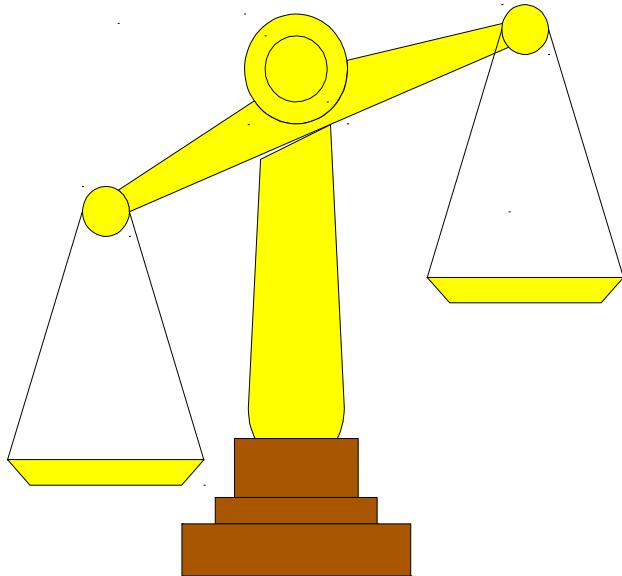


- **How much Risk  
are YOU willing  
to take on?**

**SLC is your way to ensure that the  
risk level of the project is  
appropriate and  
well-justified.**



# **Kinds of Trade-off Issues**



- Information content vs. documents / formats**
- Activities / Tasks**
  - full, partial, skipped**
- External reporting needs**
- Information needs of later tasks**  
**vs. time & effort on earlier tasks**

# **Careful Evaluation of Risk vs. Benefit**



# Tailoring Help

- **Active assistance in SLC tailoring**
  - Provide SLC expertise
  - Identify risks and issues
  - Advise on typical tailoring adjustments
  - Tools that can help
- **“Who ya gonna call?”**
  - DTC, Dave Conner
  - SESO, Jim Palecek



# Partnering with the SLC

